

# THE CLARION.

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Democratic-Conservative State Convention.

The Democratic-Conservative State Executive Committee have named THURSDAY, May 23d, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the city of Jackson, as the time and place for holding a State Convention to appoint delegates to the National Democratic Convention, and nominating a Presidential electoral ticket.

All Democratic-Conservative citizens of Mississippi irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, are cordially invited to join in sending delegates to the Convention. The basis of representation will be the same as heretofore fixed unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, viz.: Each county will be entitled to double the number of delegates that its Representatives in the State Legislature, The Committee recommend SATURDAY, MAY 23d, as the day upon which the counties shall hold their Conventions to appoint delegates to the State Convention unless the County Committees shall otherwise order. It is requested that a thorough organization of the Democratic-Conservative party, be effected in each county, preparatory to the November elections.

E. BARKSDALE, B. T. KIMBROUGH, J. C. PREWITT, R. C. PARRY, W. W. HUMPHRIES, A. J. BAKER, W. A. PERCY, M. E. BERRY, G. D. SHANDS, W. M. MCWILLIE, R. H. ALLEN, E. F. GRIFFIN, L. D. McDOWELL, T. M. COOPER, R. H. TAYLOR, G. M. KLEIN, E. BARKSDALE, Chairman. JACKSON, March 23, 1880.

The Democratic newspapers of the State are requested to publish the foregoing.

The State Board of Health adjourned yesterday evening after a long and laborious session of four days.

The State Medical Association of Mississippi will meet in Vicksburg on Wednesday, (today.)

MASON G. P. HERNDON has been invited to deliver an address at the unveiling of the Press Monument, at Holly Springs, in June next. He is just the man for the occasion, and we hope will accept.—Tupelo Journal.

## Ex-Soldiers Re Union.

It will be seen by a letter from Maj. P. M. Doherty, elsewhere published, that a reunion of the famous Barksdale-Humphreys Brigade, whose heroines died upon all the great battle-fields in Virginia from Manassas to Appomattox, have become a part of history, is in contemplation. Tuesday, May 18th is the time and Jackson the place. Gen. B. G. Humphries will be present and deliver his history of the brigade.

The Vicksburg and Ship Island Railroad.

On the 22d ultimo, Representative Chalmers introduced a bill in Congress, to aid the Mississippi Valley and Ship Island Company to construct the contemplated line of railway and telegraph from Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi, with such branch roads as are authorized under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The bill grants the right of way through the public lands, and alternate sections on each side of the road. Mr. Bruce has offered a bill of similar purport in the United States Senate.

The Commissioners of Enumerators.

Governor Stone has completed his appointments of Commissioners of Enumeration for the several counties. While applicants who were not selected are naturally disappointed, we are sure the Governor exercised his judgment conscientiously in the selection for the public good, and no doubt there will be, as there ought to be, cheerful acquiescence in his action, and a general determination to co-operate with the enumerators in securing a full enumeration of the inhabitants. It is to constitute the basis of a new legislative apportionment, which ought to be made before another Legislature is elected.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College.

From several worthy applicants, the Board of Trustees of the A. & M. College have selected Gen. Stephen D. Lee, President of the College, and it is predicted by those who know him best that the institution could not have been launched under the hands of a more capable helmsman. He has learning, and a great career of usefulness for the State is open before him. By a unanimous vote, the Board appointed to the first place in the faculty, the eminent, learned and experienced educator, Rev. G. S. Roullebush. They agreed upon plans of dormitories and buildings for the residence of teachers, submitted by the architect, Mr. Zucker. The Board will have another meeting in a short time.

It will be seen by reference to another column, that Representative Chalmers has introduced a very important Pacific Railroad bill in the House of Representatives. It is a new departure from all former methods of railroad legislation, and aims to complete the Texas road mentioned, and aid other projects of public improvement without entailing any tax upon the people or involving the Government by the indorsement of railroad bonds. It proposes to restore to the Government 106,500,000 acres of public land heretofore granted to the Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific Railways, and from their sale at an average of \$2 per acre to realize \$213,000,000, to be constituted a public improvement fund from which loans are to be made to these railroads upon certain prescribed conditions. The details of the bill are copied elsewhere. The special correspondent of the New York Herald says that the report accompanying the bill was carefully prepared by Representative Chalmers, unanimously accepted by the other members of the sub-committee. Under instructions from the full committee, Representative Chalmers reported it the House.

## The Two-Thirds Rule.

A Significant Reminder.

Among the flags displayed in New Orleans during the Grant ovation, was a full-sized American flag, at the Hancock headquarters, with the following inscription:

For President-WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK.

The great principles of American liberty are still the lawful inheritance of this people, and we demand them. The right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons and the rights of property must be preserved.

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK.

Major Gen. Conning Dept. La. and Texas.

The significance of this flag is that when Gen. Grant was installed as President of his first act was to remove Gen. Hancock from the command of the Fifth Military District composed of Louisiana and Texas, for proclaiming and acting upon these immortal truths in his official capacity. He was succeeded by Sheridan, the bloody-minded Hayman, who on a subsequent occasion denounced the people of Louisiana and Mississippi as "bandit" and asked authority to treat them as outlaws.

The Washington Post publishes a communication from Mr. Seymour's home, on the subject of his candidacy for the Presidency, and accompanies it with this remark:

Mr. ALICK HORN junior, of the Meridian Mercury, writes as follows from Washington, under recent date:

From all indications, it is quite evident that Grant will be the candidate.

Grant's supporters say that he is

the only man fit for the office.

We believe this is practically the position of all the eminent Democrats who are considered in the Presidential lists.

They are not maneuvering for the nomination, but it is inferred upon the facts and sources that Gen. Grant will be the champion of the Republican party, many leading Democrats are in favor of his opposition to the two-thirds rule.

BROOKLYN. That the decision for the adoption of the two-thirds rule in the National Democratic Convention, having passed, it is the sense of this Convention that the next National Convention should adopt a rule whereby candidates for the Presidency, and Vice-President, shall be nominated by a majority of the electors.

It is another form of expressing Mr. Clay's idea, that the Presidency will be an office neither to be sought nor declined. If Seymour is the candidate, he will carry New York, and as New York goes, so goes the Union.

The Federal Election Laws

The amendment of the federal election law passed by the lower house of Congress transferring the appointment of special deputy Marshals from the U. S. Marshals to Circuit Judges of the United States, is a minor and insignificant feature.

Every Circuit Judge in the United States is a Republican, and they are just as much partisans as the Marshals.

The amendment requiring deputies to be informed of different political parties is of more account. It is to be hoped that if the agitation is renewed in the Senate, it will result in disuniting the party.

And yet this noble, who draws from the government more than a hundred thousand dollars per month in interest on his capital—which it protects and the value of which it has enhanced by every method of class legislation under Republican policy—pays no more taxes for the support of the government, than the director whose stock consists of a shovel and spade.

The New York Times publishes, and the Memphis Avalanche copies, what purports to be a history of what is known as the Mississippi Reputated bond debt. But it leaves out the history of the play—the part that would have been of most interest to the holders of the bonds; the adoption of an amendment to the State constitution at the instance of the Republican administration under Gen. Ames, forbidding the recognition or payment of the debt. The present Governor and Legislature, at which the bondholders addressed their position for a settlement, have no power to deal with the question.

COT. P. A. MONTGOMERY.

This is a lie-out of whole cloth. There are no Barksdale organs; and none of the papers that advocated Barksdale for the Senate are opposing Col. Singleton because he was a candidate for the Senate as he had a perfect right to be and as he was justified in being backed, as he was, by a strong and enthusiastic Democratic support.

The Louisiana Legislature has followed the example of Kentucky in passing resolutions respecting the Representatives and instructing the Senators from that State, to use their utmost endeavors to procure an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi River, in accordance with the recommendations of the Mississippi Valley States Commission. It would have been well if the Legislature of Mississippi had expressed the sentiments of her people on that important subject.

The Sixth District.

There will be an animated contest for Representative from the Shoe-String District. Gen. Chalmers, Judge Cowan, Gen. Fitzgerald, Capt. Hunt, Judge Jeffords, Ex-Speaker John R. Lynch, and Hon. Luke Lea, are all mentioned in connection with the position. The contest for the Democratic nomination will be between Gen. Chalmers and Judge Cowan, both strong and popular men.

A CANVASS of the Democratic members of the Tennessee Legislature shows that 14 are for Thurman, 9 for Seymour, 8 for Tilden, 10 for Bayard, 7 for Hendricks, 2 for Hancock. Second choice, 8 for Thurman, 5 for Seymour, 5 for Tilden, 7 for Bayard, 8 for Hendricks, 6 for Hancock.

A CORRESPONDENT in Yazoo county writes that a number of negroes have left the county the present season, but their places have been fully supplied by white settlers who have been attracted by the rich soil and other advantages for agricultural labor in that county.

The preferences of the Georgia Democratic State Executive Committee, on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives have voted to report a bill placing on the free list all manufactured paper, wood pulp, jute butts, unmanufactured flax, straw, and all other fiber or fibrous plants for use in the manufacture of paper.

EX-GOV. ENGLISH, of Connecticut, and Mr. PAYNE, of Ohio, both men of high character, ability and excellent public record, are mentioned among the Presidential possibilities on the Democratic side.

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MR. R. H. FOREMAN, Chairman of the Jefferson county Democratic Executive Committee, has issued a call for a mass-meeting of the Democracy of that good old county on the 24th of April.

HAVE your favorites, but keep your mind in a frame to support the nominee whenever he may be.

Mr. J. C. McARTHUR makes his bow gracefully as the Grange and Agricul-

tureal Editor of the Meridian Observer.

## Inter-State Commerce.

Dinner Hear the Slogan?

TERMINATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS.

Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year.

At a meeting of the State Board of Health, on the 2d of April, the following members were present:

Dr. C. A. Rice, Dr. D. L. Phares, Dr. J. W. Bennett, Dr. B. F. Kittrell, Dr. J. W. Taylor, Dr. P. J. McCormick, Dr. Geo. E. Redwood, Dr. R. G. Wharton, Dr. Robert Kelis, Dr. T. D. Isom, Dr. S. V. D. Hill, Dr. John Wright, Dr. E. P. Sale, Dr. Wm. Johnson.

The following Health Officers were selected for the several counties:

Macon—W. Sharp, Natchez.

Attala—J. M. Lewis, Kosciusko.

Benton—Dr. Jackson, Michigan City.

Bolivar—J. W. Dunaway, Lula.

Calhoun—J. W. Cain, Okolona.

Chickasaw—J. W. George, Chester.

Clinton—J. W. Jackson, Clinton.

Clark—A. V. Walker, Enterprise.

Cochran—W. W. Purcell, Hardin.

Crisco—J. E. McDaniel, West Point.

De Soto—W. H. Williams, Brandon.

Franklin—G. W. Trimble, Grenada.

Hinds—G. W. Barrington, Jackson.

Hancock—J. W. Parker, Lexington.

Harrison—J. P. Carson, Stayerville.

Jefferson—N. L. Gause, Fayette.

Kosciusko—M. McDaniel, Senatobia.

Lauderdale—A. H. Smith, Moorhead.

Marion—W. H. Baldwin, Cartledge.

Madison—J. W. Jackson, Corinth.

Lancaster—E. J. Bowen, Brookhaven.

Lauderdale—A. B. Vaughn, Calhoun.

Leake—F. G. Davis, Greenwood.

Lincoln—J. W. Davis, Grenada.

Marshall—A. M. West, Holly Springs.

Monroe—J. G. Davis, Winters.

Neshoba—J. W. Moore, Philadelphia.

Oktibbe—W. A. Ames, Starkville.

Panola—J. E. Ellis, Saucier.

Pearl River—J. R. Lovell, Poplarville.

Pontotoc—J. W. Taylor,越州。

Prentiss—J. W. Taylor,越州。

Ramsey—C. H. McDaniel, Brandon.

Rankin—H. C. McDaniel, Brandon.

Scott—J. W. Larkins, Tishomingo.

Sherman—W. H. Barrington, Grenada.

Washington—J. W. Moore, Vicksburg.

Yazoo—W. H. Barrington, Water Valley.

Yazoo—L. D. Dunn, Yazoo City.

The State Board has nominated a Board of Health for Jackson county, Dr. E. T. Griffin, H. L. Howell, H. Krebs, J. K. Morris, Dr. W. H. Jackson, Dr. W. H. Jackson.

The following are the officers of the Board of Health for the ensuing year: Dr. S. V. D. Hill, Dr. Wirt Keels, Executive Committee.

Re-Unions Of

The Barksdale-Humphreys Brigade.

The following letter from Major P. M. Doherty, late Quartermaster of the Barksdale-Humphreys Brigade, Army of Northern Friends, fully explains itself:

YAZOO CITY, Miss., April 2, 1880.

Capt. H. P. Barksdale:

DEAR SIR: All the members in Yazoo and vicinity are anxious to see the formation of the Barksdale-Humphreys Brigade unite in destroying the Union of the living members at Jackson, say Tuesday May 18, 1880.

Gen. Humphreys will be present and de-lives the Union. We have written to the commanding officers and their agents.

The arrangements will then be made.

I will send a list to you of such members as I know to be living.

Please request friendly papers to circulate.

Yours very truly,

P. M. DOHERTY.

The following Trustees of the A. & M. College were in attendance at the late meeting:

Governor Stone, President of the Board De D. L. Phares, Hon. J. M. Cutrer, Hon. T. C. Doherty, Hon. L. B. Brown, Hon. W. B. Augustus, W. B. Montgomery, Esq., Judge J. Z. George, and Capt. Frank Birrell.

IMMIGRATION from Europe is on the increase. Total number of arrivals in New York since the 1st of January, is 33,447; about double what it has been during the corresponding period for the past four years.

THE MACON BEACON announces the death of Dr. Wade Hopkins, a most estimable gentleman, who inherited the excellent traits of his father, Dr. Wade Hopkins, senior, who died some years ago.

THE GREENWOOD FLAG announces the death of Mr. S. R. Spalding, of Leflore county, a kind-hearted, enterprising and useful citizen, who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.